



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Conditions across Colorado were warm and dry last week. Most of the State experienced precipitation levels well-below average for this time of year. Overall, mountain snowpack is 104 percent of the average. Farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	33	50	15	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	35	42	1

Field Crops: Eight percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 1 percent seeded by week's end. This is comparable with the 1 percent planted last year and behind the 5-year average of 3 percent.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 8, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	3	14	36	42	5

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to very poor across the State. The Eastern Plains experienced a drier than average winter. Ranchers are hopeful for conditions to improve during the growing season.

Livestock: Thirty-three percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 17 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle were slightly below average while sheep were average for the week. Stored feed supplies are rated at average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 8, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	39	25	28	8	0
Prev. Year – 2008	6	31	39	23	1
5-Year Avg.	14	29	39	16	2

Spring 2009 Calving and Lambing

	2009	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	33	31
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	17	19

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 8, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	8	N/A	5	6
Spring Barley				
Seeded	1	N/A	1	3

